

VACATION MUSINGS.

(C. A. Ridley.)

That was a philosopher who said that the greatest study of man was IAN. Nothing is truer. A book is an echo from the dead past, but a man is a living inspiration of the present. The more one studies him the deeper his interest in the insoluble mysteries of life. I am never happier than when, in solemn silence, watch my fellows, and from them learn the meaning of many things which would otherwise be mysterious. You know it is often instructive to get the other fellow's view-point whether you agree with him or not.

Did you ever think how the same surroundings, the same opportunities, the same advantages, and the same moral atmosphere will produce opposite results on different folks? Our ideas of life are so very different. To one man life means only the getting of gain while to another it is an empty bread tray and cheerless fireplace surrounded by a half dozen pale and palsied children whose little lives are destined to be tragedies dark and deep as the mystery of death. To one woman life consists in training her children to be useful and good citizens, to act honorably and wisely their parts in life and fear nothing except to do wrong. To such a woman the sum total of living is to be a true and loyal wife and a devoted mother. Not long ago a worldly-minded society woman was overheard in conversation with a woman like I have just described. Said she: "Mrs. Brown, I have often wondered why you didn't give more attention to society. You know many of your friends are disappointed that you have not written a book or two before now you are certainly capable."

"Why," said Mrs. Brown, "I am writing two very interesting books, am putting my very heart's blood into their pages."

"Indeed, and I am so glad to know it. What are the titles of your books?"

"Well, I call one of them 'John,' and the other one 'Mary'."

And the little society lady was disgusted. She cared nothing for children. It is true that God had given her two of her own, but one died for lack of motherly attention, and the other one was growing up without any knowledge of the real meaning of mother. Its only mother was a rubber nipple, and a negro woman.

Yes, we look at things so differently. No wonder there are so many isms and schisms religiously and otherwise—folks are so different and see things from so many different viewpoints. Not long ago I was introduced to a lady who was quick to inform me that she was a loyal Baptist. In the same conversation I learned that she was an enthusiast on the subject of dancing, and practiced what she preached both at home and abroad. From her own city I met another lady who thought dancing was the great curse of the church and the destroyer of much good. She was sure that no good ever came from it a san institution and that many lives were ultimately wrecked on its hidden reefs.

Another lady, a loyal Methodist of the deepest dye, in commenting upon things religious, said that she knew her pastor was a very devout man because he never wasted any time loafing around with fishing poles and guns. To her, staying in doors was an evidence of piety. To be happy was criminal, but you know there are some folks who are never happy except when they are miserable. Many people mistake a bad liver for religion. Indigestion makes a man look very pious, but I have heard that it was not that sort of piety, which gives our friends the greatest confidence in our religion. A man may get little or no pleasure from an outing with reel, rod and gun, and at the same time be very religious and very agreeable; but a man may also enjoy these things without sacrificing his piety. Because a man is red-headed he is not necessarily religious, and because he enjoys a good hunt, he is not necessarily profane. He may or he may not be religious. He may or he may not be profane. But we do see things so differently!

This same little woman proceeded to inform my friend that she got no benefit or enjoyment out of a lecture or public address, no matter what the subject or who the speaker; but that she never missed an opportunity to attend the dance, if she could get some one to keep house for her.

better trained than we have our heads. But isn't it strange how differently we see things! An abnormal foot development usually means a corresponding contraction of the mind. But how differently we do look at things!

After all, I take it to be our duty to separate as best we can, the false ideals of life from the true—get hold of the substance instead of the shadow, strike a happy medium somewhere, steer clear of cranks at both ends of the line, and with conscience to guide us, and the star of deep conviction blazing above our way, do the best we can to push our little barks into some secure haven at last.

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